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四、中文發明摘要 (發明名稱:修補電極圖案缺陷之方法)

本發明提供一種修補電極圖案缺陷之方法。該方法 包含有進行一檢測程序,以檢測該電漿顯示器上之電極 圖案是否具有缺陷,進行一第一修補程序,以填補該電 極圖案之凹陷部分,以及進行一第二修補程序,以去除 該電極圖案之突出部分。其中在該第一修補程序中,係 利用一導電漿料來填補該電極圖案之凹陷部分,而在該 第二修補程序中,係利用一電射光束 (laser beam)來去 除該電極圖案之突出部分,使電極發揮穩定放電功能。

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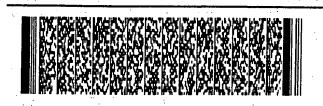
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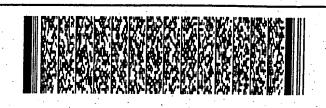
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六、英文發明摘要 (發明名稱:A METHOD FOR REPARING ELECTRODE PATTERN DEFECTS)

An examining procedure is performed to examine defects of the electrode patterns, then a first repairing procedure is performed to fill the break part, and finally a second repairing procedure is performed to remove the salient part. The first repairing procedure uses a conductive paste to fill the break part of the electrodes, and the second repairing procedure





四、中文發明摘要 (發明名稱:修補電極圖案缺陷之方法)

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uses a laser beam to remove the salient part of the electrode pattern so that the electrodes can discharge constantly.



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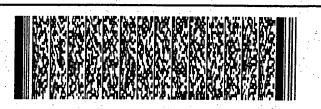
本發明係提供一種修補缺陷 (defect)的方法,尤指一種利用導電性材料與電射光束修補電極圖案缺陷之方法。

先前技術

隨著電子資訊產業的發展,平面顯示器 (flat panel display, FPD)的應用以及需求不斷擴大,其中電漿顯示器 (plasma display panel, PDP)由於具有體積小、大尺寸、視角廣等特點,因此已成為平面顯示器中極具發展潛力的產品。

電漿顯示器主要包含有一前基板 (front substrate),一後基板 (back substrate),一電離氣體 (未顯示)填充於前基板與後基板之間用來產生紫外線,以及複數對彼此平行的維持電極 (sustain electrode)設置於前基板表面,作為放電之用。前基板上另包含有複數條輔助電極 (bus electrode),分別電性連接於各維持電極上。後基板上則包含有複數個定址電極 (addressel ctrode),其方向與各維持電極垂直,以及複數個阻隔壁 (rib),其方向與各定址電極平行,以及一螢光層塗佈於各阻隔壁側壁及各定址電極上。其中,任相鄰之二





五、發明說明 (2)

阻隔壁與其上方相對應之二維持電極係形成一放電單元 (discharge cell)作為發光之用。一般而言,電漿顯示 器是由數十萬個約數百微米之放電單元排列組合而成, 其發光原理是給予該對維持電極一啟動電壓,使填充於 前基板與後基板間電離氣體放電而產生紫外線,當紫外 線照射不同螢光層時,便能使各放電單元之螢光層分別 發出紅色、綠色與藍色光作為顯示之用。

由以上可知,電漿顯示器能否正常運作其中一重要 因素在於每一放電單元之維持電極對是否可正常放電 使得電離產生紫外線。而維持電極無法放電的原因往往 是引為在電極圖案的製作過程中,因為種種因素使得電 極圖案產生缺陷所造成。此外,由於維持電極的啟動電 壓太高會容易造成電漿顯示器過熱並導致元件壽命減 短,因此在電極圖案設計上也不斷推陳出新,以期能夠 降低維持電極之啟動電壓,在此前提下電極圖案複雜度 也相對提高,因此電極圖案的製作更加複雜。以維持電 極為例,維持電極的材料係為透明導電材料,如氧化銦 錫(ITO)或氧化銦鋅(IZO)等,其製作方法一般係先以濺 鍍方式將透明導電材料形成於前基板表面,然後利用一 光罩暨蝕刻製程定義出電極圖案。然而在電極圖案精密 度不斷提升、線寬愈來愈小的情形下,電極圖案很容易 因微粒子(particle)的存在,或是光罩上的刮痕產生缺 陷,造成維持電極在給予預定之啟動電壓後無法穩定放





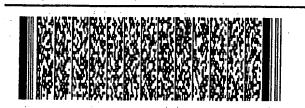
五、發明說明(3)

電,或者是造成維持電極在未給予啟動電壓的情形下異常放電的情形。

發明內容

因此本發明之主要目的在提供一種修補電漿顯示器電極圖案缺陷之方法,以解決上述電極圖案缺陷所造成的問題。

本發明提供一種修補電極圖案缺陷之方法。該方法 包 ^ 有進行一檢測程序,以檢測該電漿顯示器上之電極 圖案是否具有缺陷,進行一第一修補程序,以填補該電 極圖案之凹陷部分,以及進行一第二修補程序,以去除





五、發明說明(4)

該電極圖案之突出部分。其中在該第一修補程序中,係利用一導電漿料來填補該電極圖案之凹陷部分,而在該第二修補程序中,係利用一電射光束 (laser beam)來去除該電極圖案之突出部分,使電漿顯示器之電極圖案發揮穩定放電功能。

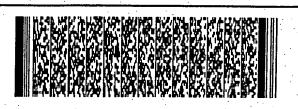
由於本發明修補電極圖案缺陷之方法,利用一第一修補程序以導電漿料填補電極圖案之凹陷部分,並利用一第二修補程序以電射光束去除該電極圖案之突出部分,能在電極圖案因製作過程中無法避免之污染或其他因素產生缺陷後進行有效的修補,避免電漿顯示器因少數。

為了使 貴審查委員能更進一步了解本發明之特徵及技術內容,請參閱以下有關本發明之詳細說明與附圖。然而所附圖式僅供參考與說明用,並非用來對本發明加以限制者。

實施方式

請參考圖一,圖一為本發明修補電極圖案缺陷方法之, 注程圖。如圖一所示,本發明修補電極圖案缺陷的方法包含有下列步驟:





五、發明說明 (5)

步驟 100: 開始;

步驟 110: 進行一檢測程序,檢測電漿顯示器之電極圖

案 ;

步驟 120: 判斷電極圖案是否有缺陷,若有缺陷則進行修

補,若無則結束修補流程;

步驟 130: 進行一第一修補程序,以填補電極圖案之凹陷

部分;

步驟 140: 進行一第二修補程序,以去除電極圖案之突出

部分;以及

步 縣 150: 结 束。





五、發明說明 (6)

常之放電間隙 (discharge gap),避免電漿顯示器的放電單元產生不正常之放電情形。

請參考圖二,圖二為本發明第一實施例修補電極圖 案 1 0之示意圖。如圖二所示,電極圖案 1 0為一電漿顯示 器之維持電極,包含有一對透明電極 1 2,且各透明電極 1 2上並連接有一輔助電極 1 4,用來增加透明電極 1 2之導 電性,以及一異常之破孔等凹陷部分 1 6。根據本發明第 一實施例修補電極圖案之方法,當進行檢測程序或是電性檢測程序並檢測出電極圖案 1 0包含有凹陷部分 1 6時, 本發明即利用一導電漿料 1 8,如上述之銀漿料、 I T 0漿料 I Z 0漿料、金漿料或銀膠等,塗抹在電極圖案 1 0的凹陷部分 1 6,使得 電極圖案 1 0恢復成完整之電極圖案,進而發揮正常導電 放電功能。

請參考圖三,圖三為本發明第二實施例修補電極圖案 10之示意圖。如圖三所示,電極圖案 10為一電漿顯示器之維持電極,包含有一對輔助電極 14,複數個連接於該對輔助電極 14上相對之 T型透明電極 12,以及異常之電極斷線部分 17。在本實施例中之透明電極 12之形狀及排列、為了使透明電極 12之放電功能更穩定,但相對地在製作過程中容易產生如圖三所示的異常斷線部分 17。同樣地根據本發明第一實施例修補電極圖案之方法,當進





五、發明說明 (7)

行檢測程序或是電性檢測程序並檢測出電極圖案 10包含有斷線部分 17時,本發明即利用一導電漿料 18,如上述之銀漿料、 ITO漿料、 IZO漿料、 金漿料或銀膠等,塗抹在電極圖案 10的斷線部分 17,利用導電漿料 18來填補斷線部分 17,使得電極圖案 10恢復成完整之電極圖案,進而發揮正常導電放電功能。

請參考圖四,圖四為本發明第三實施例修補電極圖案10之示意圖。如圖四所示,電極圖案10為一電漿顯示器之維持電極,包含有一對透明電極12,且透明電極12





五、發明說明 (8)

上均連接有一輔助電極 14,用來增加透明電極 12之導電 性,以及一異常之凹陷部分16。根據本發明第二實施例 修補電極圖案之方法,當進行檢測程序時檢測出電極圖 案 10包含有凹陷部分 16時,本發明即利用一導電漿料 18, 塗抹在電極圖案10的凹陷部分16,以利用導電漿料 18填補凹陷部分16來使電極圖案10恢復完整,達到正常 放電功能。其中,與本發明第一實施例主要不同之處在 於,在本發明第三實施例中,為避免導電漿料18影響電 漿顯示器放電單元透光度,故係採用部分填補的方式填 補凹陷部分16,來修補電極圖案10。如圖四所示,電極 圖案 10之凹陷部分 16僅有部分區域係以導電漿料 18加以 填一,形成一長條狀修補線條,如此不僅可恢復電極之 放電功能,又可兼顧透光度。另外如圖四中所示之另一 凹陷部分20由於面積較大,故係利用導電漿料18填補出 二長條狀修補線條,使電極正常放電。此外值得注意的 是在本發明之第三實施例中,由於係利用部分修補的方 式修補電極圖案10,因此在進行檢測程序110時,即先判 断出電極圖案 10凹陷部分之種類,使得在進行第一修補 程序 130時即可調整導電漿料 18填補之數量與形狀,在不 影響電 聚 顯 示 器 透 光 率 的 前 提 下 , 有 效 修 補 電 極 圖 案 10,使電極發揮正常放電功能

請參考圖五,圖五為本發明第四實施例修補電極圖案30之示意圖。如圖五所示,電極圖案30為一電漿顯示





五、發明說明 (9)

器之維持電極,包含有一對透明電極 32, 且透明電極 32 上並連接有一輔助電極 34, 用來增加透明電極 32之 導電性,以及異常之突出部分 36。其中透明電極 32上之突出部分 36可能會縮短維持電極的放電間隙造成放電不穩定,或是接觸到相對之透明電極 32形成短路,而導致電漿顯示器放電單元持續放電,使得電漿顯示器 30包 審 養 上產生 高點。根據本發明第三實施例修補電極圖案 20包含有突出部分 36,避免電極產生異常放電。





五、發明說明 (10)

其他光電顯示器的電極修補製程。

以上所述僅為本發明之較佳實施例,凡依本發明申請專利範圍所做之均等變化與修飾,皆應屬本發明專利之涵蓋範圍。



圖式簡單說明

圖式之簡單說明

圖一為本發明修補電極圖案方法之流程圖。

圖二為本發明第一實施例修補電極圖案之示意圖

圖三為本發明第二實施例修補電極圖案之示意圖。

圖四為本發明第三實施例修補電極圖案之示意圖。

圖五為本發明第四實施例修補電極圖案之示意圖。

圖式之符號說明

| 1 0 | 電極 | 圖 | 案 | 12 | 透 | 明電 | 極 |
|-----|-----|-------|---|-----|-----|--|----|
| 14 | 輔助 | 電 | 極 | 16 | 凹 | 陷部 | 分 |
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- 17 斷線部分 18 導電漿料
- 20 凹陷部分 30 電極圖案
- 32 透明電極 34 輔助電極
- 36 突出部分 100 開始
- 110 進行一檢測程序
- 120 判斷電極圖案是否有缺陷
- 130 進行一第一修補程序
- 140 進行一第二修補程序
- 150 結束

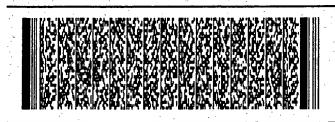


1. 一種缺陷修補 (defect repair)的方法,係用來修補一基板上之一電極圖案的缺陷,該方法包含有:

進行一檢測程序,以檢測該基板上之該電極圖案是否具有缺陷;以及

進行一第一修補程序,以修補該電極圖案之缺陷。

- 2. 如申請專利範圍第 1項之方法,其中該電極圖案係為一電漿顯示器 (plasma display panel, PDP)之維持電極圖案。
- 3. 如申請專利範圍第2項之方法,其中該維持電極圖案之十料包含有一透明導電材料或一金屬導電材料。
- 4. 如申請專利範圍第1項之方法,其中該電極圖案之缺陷包含有破孔、不完全電連接或斷線等凹陷部分。
- 5. 如申請專利範圍第 4項之方法,其中該第一修補程序 係利用一導電性材料來填補該凹陷部分。
- 6. 如申請專利範圍第 5項之方法,其中該第一修補程序係完整地填補該凹陷部分。
- 7. 如申請專利範圍第5項之方法,其中該第一修補程序係部分地填補該凹陷部分。



- 8. 如申請專利範圍第5項之方法,其中該導電性材料係包含有銀漿料(silver paste)、氧化銦錫(indium tinoxide, ITO)漿料、氧化銦鋅(indium zinc oxide, IZO)漿料、金漿料,或銀膠。
- 9. 如申請專利範圍第1項之方法,其中該電極圖案之缺陷包含有一突出部分。
- 10. 如申請專利範圍第9項之方法另包含有一第二修補程序,且該第二修補程序係利用一雷射光束(laser beam)去(:該突出部分。
- 11. 如申請專利範圍第1項之方法,其中該檢測程序包含有光學檢測程序或電性檢測程序。
- 12. 一種缺陷修補的方法,係用來修補一電漿顯示器 (plasma display panel, PDP)上之一電極圖案的缺陷,該電極圖案之缺陷包含有一第一缺陷與一第二缺陷,該方法包含有:

進行一檢測程序,以檢測該電漿顯示器上之該電極圖 安之缺陷;

進行一第一修補程序,以填補該第一缺陷;以及進行一第二修補程序,以去除該第二缺陷。



- 13. 如申請專利範圍第11項之方法,其中該電極圖案之材料包含有一透明導電材料或一金屬導電材料。
- 14. 如申請專利範圍第 11項之方法,其中該第一缺陷係包含有破孔、不完全電連接或斷線等凹陷部分。
- 15. 如申請專利範圍第13項之方法,其中該第一修補程序係利用一導電性材料來填補該電極圖案之該凹陷部分。
- 1 如申請專利範圍第 14項之方法,其中導電性材料係包含有銀漿料 (silver paste)、氧化銦錫 (indium tin oxide, ITO)漿料、氧化銦鋅 (indium zinc oxide, IZO)漿料、金漿料,或銀膠。
- 17. 如申請專利範圍第14項之方法,其中該第一修補程序係利用該導電性材料完整地填補該凹陷部分。
- 18. 如申請專利範圍第14項之方法,其中該第一修補程序係利用該導電性材料部分地填補該凹陷部分。
- 19. 如申請專利範圍第11項之方法,其中該第二缺陷係為該電極圖案之一突出部分。



20. 如申請專利範圍第 18項之方法,其中該第二修補程序係利用一電射光束 (laser beam)去除該突出部分。

21. 如申請專利範圍第 18項之方法,其中該檢測程序包含有光學檢測程序或電性檢測程序,且該電極圖案包含有維持電極 (sustain electrode)、輔助電極 (bus electrode)以及定址電極 (address electrode)。



